

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2012-168-E - ORDER NO. 2012-401

MAY 16, 2012

IN RE:	Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)	ORDER APPROVING
	for Approval of a Tariff Covering a New)	TARIFF FOR NEW
	Residential Efficiency Program - Residential)	RESIDENTIAL
	Neighborhood Program)	NEIGHBORHOOD
)	PROGRAM

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“Duke” or “the Company”) for approval of a Tariff for the Company’s new Residential Neighborhood Program (“the Program”). Duke states that, through this program, the Company will help residential customers in qualified low-income neighborhoods reduce energy consumption by performing energy assessments and installing, at no charge, the energy saving measures identified by the assessment.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has no objection to the proposal. The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (“SACE”), in commenting on the proposed Tariff, asserts that a common issue with low-income programs is that utility program contractors are unable to install efficiency measures where additional work is required to comply with safety codes.

South Carolina Code Annotated Section 58-27-870 (F) (Supp. 2011) states that this Commission may allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without notice and hearing when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate

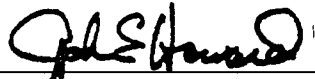
structure and overall rate of return, or when the rates or tariffs do not result in any rate increase to the electrical utility. We believe that the tariff in question in this case fits into both categories. Accordingly, we hold that no notice or hearing is necessary in this case.

We have examined this matter and approve the tariff as filed, in that we believe the program is useful to the public. In examining the point raised by SACE, we believe that coordination of efficiency measures and safety code assistance may be appropriate for the purposes of this program if it can be accomplished with little or no increase in costs. Therefore, this Commission requests that Duke consider the SACE's recommendation to coordinate with low-income assistance agencies that work to bring homes into compliance with safety codes. However, this should not in any way be construed to mean that Duke has any responsibility beyond the customer meter. The customer is responsible for wiring beyond the meter. This bright line of responsibility is unchanged by any suggestions herein.

The Company should file the final tariff in the Commission's electronic tariff compendium, if it has not already done so.


This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice Chairman

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